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MOZAMBIQUE

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1. RE PROPOSED CRS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (FEEDING)
PROGRAM IN MOZAMBIQUE, I DISCUSSED IDEA WITH KELLY (RESIDENT
IN MASERU) BOTH AT THE BEGINNING AND AT THE END OF HIS ROUGHLY
FIVE-DAY VISIT. ALTHOUGH KELLY HAD POSSIBLE ENTREE TO MOZAMBIQUE
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (MTG) THROUGH BROTHER COUTO AND FATHER
WALSH IN DAR ES SALAAM, AS FAR AS I RECALL HE DID NOT GET TO
SEE ANY TOP LEVEL MTG OFFICIALS. PERHAPS HE SAW ONE MINISTER
OR SUB-MINISTER BUT, IN ANY EVENT, I REMEMBER HIM TELLING
ME HE DID NOT GET ANY FIRM MTG REACTION. INDEED I RECOMMENDED
TO KELLY THAT CRS NOT PUSH THE PROPOSAL UNTIL AFTER INDEPENDENCE
AND I THOUGHT THAT HE AGREED WITH THIS JUDGMENT. SERIOUSLY
DOUBT MTG PREPARED TO DISCUSS CRS TITLE II PROGRAM PLAN OR
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SIGN AGREEMENT PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, UNDP HAS ALREADY INITIATED ONE FEEDING PROGRAM AND IS DEVELOPING A SECOND ONE FOR MOZAMBIQUE, BOTH UNDER AUSPICES OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. FIRST WFP PROGRAM, ALREADY OPERATIONAL, IS CALLED PROJECT 2155/Q "FEEDING OF VULNERABLE GROUPS". DURATION IS ONE YEAR, BENEFICIARIES 50,000 AND REGION INCLUDES NORTHERN PROVINCES OF CABO DELGADO, NIASA AND TETE (PARTICULARLY WHAT FRELIMO CALLS THE "LIBERATED ZONES"). FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF FOOD EXPECTED IN JUNE. TOTAL AMOUNT ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION. SECOND PROJECT, APPROVED BY THE WFP, IS EMERGENCY OPERATION 1024, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED PERSONS IN MOZAMBIQUE". PROJECT IS FOR 300,000 BENEFICIARIES IN PROVINCES OF MANICA SOFALA, CABO DELGADO AND NIASA. TOTAL WFP CONTRIBUTION \$2.2 MILLION. DURATION IS 12 TO 18 MONTHS. POST IS POUCHING COPIES OF REPORTS ON PROJECTS, PREPARED BY WFP REP TIPPENHAUER, TO AID/W.

3. BELIEVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR TITLE II CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO WFP PROJECTS. TIPPENHAUER HAS TOLD ME THAT THE UN RESREP BALINSKI WILL BE IN ROME APPROXIMATELY APRIL 10-14, WHERE HE WILL DISCUSS BOTH PROJECTS WITH WFP, INCLUDING THEIR POSSIBLE MERGER OF THE TWO PROJECTS.

4. I TOLD TIPPENHAUER THAT USG WAS PREPARED TO LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO REQUESTS FROM UN FOR PARTICIPATION (THROUGH PL 480 TITLE II COMMODITIES) IN WFP PROGRAMS FOR EMERGENCY AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE. TIPPENHAUER SAID HE WOULD CABLE BALINSKI IN ROME TO CONTACT FODAG AND DISCUSS PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE U.S. CONTRIBUTION. I AGREED TO ALERT FODAG.

5. WHILE THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE PROBLEMS OF DISTRIBUTION AND SUPERVISION OF WFP FEEDING PROJECTS, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THEY ARE BEST VEHICLE FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH PL 480 IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND INDEED AT LEAST THROUGH CY 1975. CRS PROGRAM AND EXPERTISE COULD WELL BE UTILIZED AT A LATER PHASE AFTER THIS FIRST UNDP/WFP PROGRAM IS WELL UNDER WAY AND EXPERIENCE GAINED DEALING WITH NEW FRELIMO GOVERNMENT.

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YM WHILE NOT COMMITTING AID/W IN ANY WAY, I DID EMPHASIZE TO TIPPENHAUER THAT WITH PASSAGE OF FOREIGN AID BILL AND WITH STATE/AID IN PROCESS OF ALLOCATING PL 480 FUNDS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR, ANY REQUEST FOR U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP/WFP FEEDING PROGRAM SHOULD BE MADE WITHOUT DELAY.
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